

Members underscore need for action for Bay's future

WASHINGTON, DC – U.S. Representatives Rob Wittman (VA-1), Chris Van Hollen (MD-8), Robert C. "Bobby" Scott (VA-3), and Andy Harris (MD-1) today announced the launch of the Congressional Chesapeake Bay Watershed Caucus, as they addressed a meeting of the Chesapeake Bay Commission in Washington, D.C. The Caucus will serve as an informal group of members dedicated to restoration of the Chesapeake Bay, including issues related to water quality, conservation, resource management, recreation and economic development, as well as educating other Members of Congress on these issues. The formation of the Caucus serves to continue and enhance the previous work of the Chesapeake Bay Congressional Task Force.

"It is important that we come together for the future of the Chesapeake Bay," Wittman said. "One of the most critical resources in this region, the Bay demands our attention and common sense action to preserve it for future generations. Bay states are historically, economically and culturally tied to the waters of the Chesapeake Bay; its restoration is one of my highest priorities. This Caucus brings together multiple partners to chart a path forward in Congress for the Bay."

"The Chesapeake Bay is a critical natural resource for the economy, culture, and heritage of its watershed states. The Congressional Chesapeake Bay Watershed Caucus continues the work of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Task Force – fostering cooperation and collaboration between members of the Bay states and educating people across the country on the vital importance of protecting this national treasure. I look forward to working with Co-Chairs Wittman, Scott, and Harris to advance policies to safeguard the Bay," said Congressman Chris Van Hollen (D-MD).

"The Chesapeake Bay is one of America's greatest treasures," said Rep. Bobby Scott. "Since my days in the Virginia House of Delegates, I have been committed to the restoration and conservation of the Bay. I look forward to working with my colleagues in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Caucus in ensuring that the Bay has the necessary resources and support from Congress so that the next generation of Americans will be able to enjoy this precious natural resource."

"The Chesapeake Bay and its precious waterways are the signature of our great state," said Rep. Andy Harris (MD-01). "I am proud to co-chair the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Caucus and look forward to working with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle on finding common sense solutions to protect our Bay."

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